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I.

FIRST thear grow naturally store of
Black Wilde Vines w^{ch}
make verie good Ver-
gies or Vinniger for to
ue wth meate or to dresse Stur-
gon but by the Frenchmens Arte
being boylde and ordred is good
Wine and remeanes for three
moneths and no longer. But re-

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planting the vines in 2 yeares it will then be excellent Wine.

II.

There is also great store of deere theare and of three soarts, w^{ch} only by impaling the Thickets ore Forrests ore plashing trees acrosse are easely imparted.

III.

There are verie fayre Turkeyes fare greater then heere 500 in a flocke wth infinite store of Berries, Chesnuts, Beechnuts and Mast w^{ch} the feed on.

IV.

Thears Oaks of three sevrall soarts, wth Ash and Wallnutt trees sweet red Ceader & Pines, Fers and Deale, and Spruce for Mast

of Shiping and Afhe all excellent
hudge and infenite, Pitch and Tarr
and Mafts and Yeards for fhips of
400 tunne heere worth 30 and 40
£ a peece.

V.

Whole Groves of Wallnutt Trees
to make Wallenutt oyle ore milke,
in Fraunce worth £20 a tunne
and eſteemed theare before other
oyle or milke.

VI.

Groves of Mulberrie trees for
filke wormes w^{ch} in Ittalay are lett
theare as howſes are heere for rent
at 6^s the leaves of one Tree by the
yeare and likewise are ſo lett in
ſome part of the Province of
Fraunce att ye like rates.

VII.

Fitt places for to make bay salte in as low clay lands as y^v doe in Fraunce and soner becaufe hotter; ore white salte by boyling brine theare made by the sonne. And y^t in New England and Verginea to y^e Fishers is deerer folde than heere.

VIII.

Ther are also fitt places to build and launch ships and set up sawing mills for Timber and Plancke and Winscote and for Cabonets of sweete red Cedar and Barrel boarde for the Canaries or Spaine.

IX.

Ther are Ponds of Fresh Watter

3 ore 4 miles in Compasse to set up Iron and Water Mills and sanday and Clay Cleefs likely for Iron Mines, and on y^e Continent Northwards heigh rockey hills wth Christalls sphure and glittering oare and after great raines and washings the bring a third wth some Copper.

X.

Theare is infinite store of sturgeon and mulliote very lardge: The mulliote is to be dryed and salted for Spaine, Canaries & Ittaley and are treble the price of Codfish ore poore John and doe take them in nets by 500 att a draught in the sandey sholes: Wheras the Portugales 50 sayle att a time att Cape Blanque in Barbarie doe hooke them, being much

leffe and not a quarter the gaine
 to be made by them and the quan-
 tatie of Sturgion great store, of y^e
 Roes of w^{ch} y^e make Caviarie and
 Potargo w^{ch} bringeth redday golde
 and silver and retorneth from the
 Straites, Wines Frutes and Silks.
 And this is the Staple to imploy
 Ships and saylors 4 moneths: As
 in fommer where each man bred
 to fish mayerne £20 wages, £20
 to the honnor of the Ship and
 £20 to the Victuler as att thirds is
 the usual custome of y^e Westerne
 Fishers. And for making of
 greene fish dryde curd and traynde
 oyle is also 60 miles to the North-
 wards a Bancke where there is
 also good places to dry it as stages,
 much better then in Newfound-
 lande, and is much bigger fish.
 The fishing begineth in Martch

and endeth in Junne and so is caught and fowld before Newfoundland fish is caught, and att double the gaine and is worth 20 Marks a vyoge w^{ch} in Newfoundland is worth but £4 a share att the thirds.

XI.

The Planters and Coloney one moneth after Cattell brought as Cowes Goats and Hoggs doe digg and plant Mayse, Wheate in Aprill and is reapt in August ore planted in Junne and rept in October.

XII.

There is infinite store of grownde nuts, and so much mast and walenuts as Hoggs increafe 20 for one in a year and Goats three for one wthout anney chardge.

XIII.

Ther are deere breede 2 a peece of w^{ch} y^e heighest are 16 handfulls and ther is also a race of Bufaloes w^{ch} will be ridden and brought to draw and plowe and be milked.

XIV.

The trade for hatchets knives and nayles beads and toyes wth the Savages for their Beavers heere worth £1: 2 a waight and otters and deere skins and for their Mayes wheat is worth ten for one by way of trucke.

XV.

Ther is infinite store of Fowle and Eggs of all foarts, of ponds of fresh fish most excellent, sea and shell fish in abundance and 1000

loade of oyſter ſhells in a heape to
make lyme of.

XVI.

By letting out a Pond 500 ac of meadow & Curable Lande is made in a weeke.

XVII.

Irish Cowes of y^e English breede
at £1 10^s in Aprell are best to be
carried wth y^e Passengers goeing
50 in a ship, wth oate meale and
wheat meale.

XVIII.

He that can lay out £20: for a man's armes, bedding, victualls, wages and Passage wth a Carpenter ore Woodman mayerne for it after in building shiping Barrell

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board Wenfcott and maft &c £60
p^r ann.

XIX.

A Fifher in fix moneths may
make his Wages worth £60 per
ann.

XX.

For Pitch and Tarr and hops
and woade and filke grace & fine
flax w^{ch} growes theare.

XXI.

Ther is Greene Tobacco & dried
w^{ch} you may have theare by way
of trucke wth the Savages.

XXII.

The first yeares chardge will be
to builde and to fortifie and to be
provided of Laborers and not of

Droanes and factious Mutino^{rs} but
good tradefmen is the gaine.

XXIII.

As for freedom and pleasure to
hancke hunt fish and fowle theare
is great varietie and also all daynties
of fruits that Ittaley or the Gardens
of Spaine affordeth may be had
out of those ritch grownds, for it
is as hott as Spaine ore Ittaley and
as full of pleasure and comforte.

XXIV.

The Winter for y^e space of two
moneths is as sharp as heere, and
stormes then, for by reason of the
raine and the woods being so thick
the sonne enters not.

XXV.

The Spring Waters thear are as

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good as small beere heere, but those that com from the Woods are not so good but alltogether naught.

XXVI.

By unitie and societie of Partners securitie and hope of gaine growes if order and discipline & intelligence wth the Savages Virginia on the Sowth, New England on the North, the Dutch Plantation 60 miles on the West be had.

XXVII.

So that 30 idle men as souldiers or gent be resident in a rownd stone towre and by tornes to trade with the Savages and to keep their Ordinance and Armes neat, so y^t 300 in one Coloney of Tradesmen, so y^t 100 of them be Negro slaves condemned men or apprentasies

will free all danger if a Govner for his Watch and Ward and trayninge and ammunion be carefull, And y^t 8 of y^e Planters be in Councell wth their voyces wth the Govnor to see all Planters and Searvants and all Tennants y^t worke att halfe incoraged & well used. And y^t to worke in sommer close all lande from tenne till two out of y^e shade & abroad in the Water for after it is hott and y^e must rest.

XXVIII.

The Partners are willing to maintaine y^e Govnor & 2 men to wayte on him & a Steward & a Factor & his man theise to be att the chardge of y^e Adventurors and 25 Soldiers and 25 marriners to trucke and trafficke by torne wth the

Savages and never above tenn of them abroad at once in a Pinnace planqued against arrowes.

XXIX.

And lastly the feare of the Spaniards or Forriners there are litle by reason the fowndings and Coast to them is unknown unto aney, Besides the Verginnians being neer us where are 4000 Inhabitants and the Barmodes 2000, the two Dutch Foarts 2000 New Plimmouth and Salem 2300 All theise in three dayes faile and some in one are allyed unto us to assist us if need require against anny strangers. As for the Savages 10 peeces will affright 300 of them and put them to flight, having no other defence for themselves but bowes and arrowes and all naked People.





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